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BILL NO. HB327

Requested by Senator Bob Hawks

For the Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee

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1. Title, line 13.

**Following:** "BALLOTS,"

**Insert:** "ELIMINATING REFERENCE TO AN INTEREST RATE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION BALLOTS;"

2. Title, line 14.

**Following:** "20-9-427,"

**Insert:** "20-9-426, 20-9-427,"

3. Page 5, line 5.

**Insert:** "Section 6. Section 20-9-426, MCA, is amended to read:

**"20-9-426. Preparation and form of ballots for bond election.** (1) The school district shall cause ballots to be prepared for all bond elections, and whenever bonds for more than one purpose are to be voted upon at the same election, separate ballots must be prepared for each purpose.

(2) For bond elections that are not held in conjunction with a school election, the ballots for absentee voting must be printed and made available at least 30 days before the bond election.

(3) All ballots must be substantially in the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Make an X or similar mark in the vacant square before the words "BONDS--YES" if you wish to vote for the bond issue; if you are opposed to the bond issue, make an X or similar mark in the square before the words "BONDS--NO".

Shall the board of trustees be authorized to issue and sell (state type of bonds here: general obligation or impact aid revenue) bonds of this school district in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), ~~bearing interest at a rate not more than \_\_\_\_\_ percent (\_\_\_\_%) a year,~~ payable semiannually, during a period not more than \_\_\_\_\_ years, for the purpose \_\_\_\_\_ (here state the purpose the same way as in the notice of election)?

☐ BONDS -- YES.

☐ BONDS -- NO."

{ Internal References to 20-9-426:

20-15-404 \*X 20-20-401 X} "

**Insert: "Section 7.** Section 20-9-427, MCA, is amended to read:

**"20-9-427. Notice of bond election by separate purpose.** (1)  
A school district bond election must be conducted in accordance with the school election provisions of this title, except that the election notice must be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given by the trustees of School District No. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ County, state of Montana, that pursuant to a certain resolution adopted at a meeting of the board of trustees of the school district held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, an election of the registered electors of School District No. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ County, state of Montana, will be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of voting upon the question of whether or not the trustees may issue and sell (state here: general obligation or impact aid revenue) bonds of the school district in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), ~~bearing interest at a rate not more than \_\_\_\_\_ percent (\_\_\_\_\_%) a year~~, payable semiannually, for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ (here state purpose). The bonds to be issued will be payable in installments over a period not exceeding \_\_\_\_\_ (state number) years.

The polls will be open from \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_m. and until \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_m. of the election day.

Dated and posted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Presiding officer, School District No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_ County  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

(2) If the bonds proposed to be issued are for more than one purpose, then each purpose must be separately stated in the notice, together with the proposed amount of bonds for each purpose.

(3) The notice must specify whether the bonds will be general obligation bonds or impact aid revenue bonds."

{ Internal References to 20-9-427:

20-15-404 \*X }"

**Renumber:** subsequent sections

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